

Prevention and Life Safety

Mission:

Minimize pain, suffering, and loss through public education, life safety engineering, code enforcement, as well as fire investigations.

Goals:

- Enforce State and local laws, codes and ordinances pertaining to fire and life safety.
- Conduct plan reviews and routine fire inspection of commercial and public buildings; prepare pre-plans of commercial/public buildings in the County.
- Provide public fire education.
- Respond in a timely, efficient and effective manner to requests for fire prevention and life safety services and information.
- Develop and deliver effective, audience appropriate fire/injury prevention, and life safety public-education programs.
- Conduct investigations of arson and fires of unknown or suspicious origin.
- Provide fire/injury prevention and life safety education programs to the County's fourth grade school children.
- Provide intervention and direction for children identified as juvenile fire setters, and their parents.
- Oversee public compliance with Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Title III.
- Coordinate HazMat operations for emergency response.

Implementation Strategies for FY2003:

- Integrate designated fire and rescue shift personnel into specific inspection and investigation needs.
- Adjust the SAFE (Students Applying Fire Education) Club program in the county school division from the 4th grade to the 4th and 5th grade to accommodate changes related to Standards of Learning.
- Ensure further provision of fire and life safety education programs to senior citizens and other adult groups.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2002, the decrease in the budget was due to the reassignment of responsibility of various activities to Fire and Rescue Operations.
- For FY2003, additional funding was approved for new radio equipment for a replacement vehicle.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Actual Expenditures	FY2002 Original Budget	FY2002 Expected Appropriations	FY2003 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	168,658	172,998	180,379	186,528	186,528	195,011
Contractual Services	431	1,130	634	900	900	900
Internal Services	14,851	18,871	20,016	16,800	16,800	21,690
Other Charges	1,630	1,982	1,742	2,950	2,950	3,180
Materials & Supplies	6,414	7,959	9,391	8,630	8,630	8,350
Capital Outlay	-	2,708	-	-	-	5,000
Activity Total	<u>191,984</u>	<u>205,648</u>	<u>212,162</u>	<u>215,808</u>	<u>215,808</u>	<u>234,131</u>
Percentage Change	4.74%	7.12%	3.17%	1.72%	N/A	8.49%

FTE's

Management	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Professional/Technical	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Admin/Clerical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specialized Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>

